

APPENDIX C

Agency Coordination Letters

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October 20, 2003

Mr. Michael Jansky
Regional Environmental Review Director
United States Environmental Protection Agency - Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Coordination Request for an Environmental Assessment
Project Name: Proposed Installation of a Solar-Powered Repeater on North Rosillo Peak
Project Location: Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas

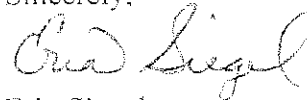
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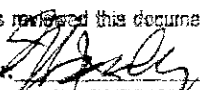
The proposed project involves the installation of two platforms for a solar-powered radio repeater station. Site vicinity, site location, site features maps are attached as Figures 1, 2 and 3, respectively. A detailed description of the proposed project is included as Attachment A. Coordination with other agencies is being conducted and a list of other agencies is included as Attachment B.

Please provide any comments on the proposed project using the enclosed envelope. If there are no comments, please sign below and fax to (281) 922-4767. Thank you for your assistance. If there are any questions, please contact me or Ms. Heather Lewis at (281) 922-4766.

Sincerely,



Erin Siegel
Field Biologist

	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 Office of Planning & Coordination (EN-XP) 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202-2733
EPA has reviewed this document and has no comments.	
Attachments	Reviewer:  Date: 10/23/03

Attachments

NO COMMENTS

Signed By: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

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October 13, 2003

Mr. Bill White
United States Customs and
Border Protection - USCBP/NLECC
1900 Leahy Road
Orlando, FL 32803

Re: Coordination Request for an Environmental Assessment
Project Name: Proposed Installation of a Solar-Powered Repeater on North Rosillo Peak
Project Location: Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas

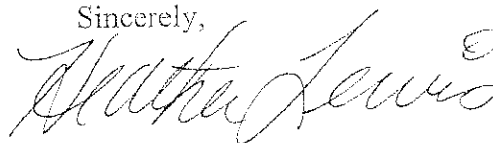
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Sincerely,



Heather Lewis
Project Biologist

Attachments

NO COMMENTS:

Signed By: Bill White

Date: 10/22/03

Printed Name: BILL WHITE

Title: TCGS
CENTRAL



United States
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Natural
Resources
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Temple, Texas
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October 3, 2003

Corrigan Consulting, Inc.
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Attention: Erin Siegel, Field Biologist

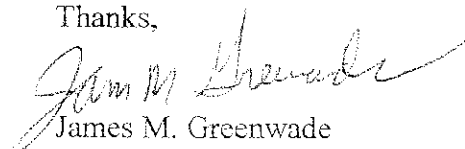
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Rosillo Peak Solar Powered Repeater
Brewster County, Texas

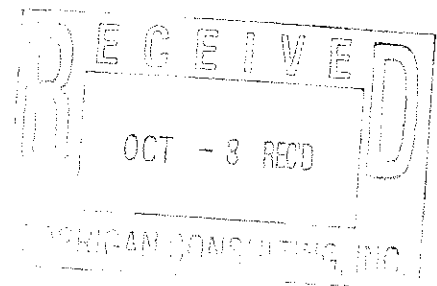
We have reviewed the information provided concerning the proposed Rosillo Peak Solar Powered Repeater in Big Bend National Park in Brewster County, Texas as outlined in your letter of September 30, 2003. This is part of NEPA evaluation for Department of Interior, National Park Service. We have evaluated the proposed site as required by the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA).

The soil at the site for the proposed project is not classified as Important Farmland Soils and will be exempt from the Farmland Protection Policy Act. We have completed an AD-1006 indicating the exemption. We know of no other environmental concerns.

I have attached an AD-1006 (Farmland Conversion Impact Rating) form for this project indicating the approval status. Thanks for the resource materials you submitted to evaluate this project. If you have any questions please call James Greenwade at (254)-742-9960 or Sam Brown at (254)-742-9854, Fax (254)-742-9859.

Thanks,


James M. Greenwade
Soil Scientist
Soil Survey Section
USDA-NRCS, Temple, Texas



FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Date Of Land Evaluation Request 9-30-2003				
Name of Project Rosillo Peak Solar-Powered Repeater		Federal Agency Involved National Park Service				
Proposed Land Use Radio Repeater		County and State Brewster County, Texas				
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		Date Request Received By NRCS 10-1-2003		Person Completing Form: James Greenwade		
Does the site contain Prime, Unique, Statewide or Local Important Farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - do not complete additional parts of this form)		YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Acres Irrigated	Average Farm Size	
Major Crop(s)	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction Acres: %	Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: %				
Name of Land Evaluation System Used	Name of State or Local Site Assessment System	Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS				
PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)		Alternative Site Rating				
		Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly						
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly						
C. Total Acres In Site						
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information						
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland						
B. Total Acres Statewide Important or Local Important Farmland						
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted						
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value						
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)						
PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (Criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5 b. For Corridor project use form NRCS-CPA-106)		Maximum Points	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D
1. Area In Non-urban Use		(15)				
2. Perimeter In Non-urban Use		(10)				
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed		(20)				
4. Protection Provided By State and Local Government		(20)				
5. Distance From Urban Built-up Area		(15)				
6. Distance To Urban Support Services		(15)				
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		(10)				
8. Creation Of Non-farmable Farmland		(10)				
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services		(5)				
10. On-Farm Investments		(20)				
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		(10)				
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		(10)				
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS		160				
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)						
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100				
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or local site assessment)		160				
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260				
Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>				
Reason For Selection:						
Name of Federal agency representative completing this form:					Date:	



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10 November 2003

Erin Siegel
Field Biologist
Corrigan Consulting, Inc.
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Re: Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966,
Proposed Solar Powered Repeater & Helicopter Landing Site, Big Bend National Park, Brewster
County, Texas (NPS, Border Patrol)

Dear Ms. Siegel:

Thank you for your correspondence describing the above referenced project. This letter serves as comment on the proposed undertaking from the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission.

The review staff, led by Debra L. Beene, has completed its review. We concur with the findings of the archeology staff at Big Bend National Park; this project will have an effect on a very significant archeological resource. Site 41BS762 is a State Archeological Landmark but has yet to be nominated for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Place (NRHP). The site must be treated as 'eligible' for the NRHP until determined otherwise. The footprint of the proposed facilities has been located in the only surface area of the peak currently considered outside of the boundary of Site 41BS762, which will be impacted during construction and on-going use of the facilities. We agree with Robert Mallouf, Center for Big Bend Studies, Sul Ross State University, that 'these sites are of particular interest because of their inaccessibility and great distance from known water sources' (Mallouf and Wulfkuhle 1988). Mountain top sites have been historically identified as sacred places. Little is known with regard to this remote site's function and use and it should be avoided and preserved until further investigations are conducted to mitigate the proposed disturbances.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your assistance in this federal review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please contact Debra L. Beene at 512/463-5865.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William A. Oaks".

for

F. Lawrence Oaks, State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Tom Alex, Archeologist, Big Bend National Park
1988, Robert J. Mallouf and Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, *An Archeological Reconnaissance in the
Rosillos Mountains, Brewster County*, Volume 1, Journal of the Big Bend Studies, Center for
Big Bend Studies, SRSU
FLO/dlb



November 19, 2003

Erin Siegel
Corrigan Consulting, Inc.
12000 Aerospace Ave., Suite 450
Houston, TX 77034

RE: Proposed Solar Powered Repeater on Rosillo Peak, Brewster County

Dear Ms. Siegel:

Thank you for coordinating with this agency in your planning activities regarding the proposed solar-powered repeater on North Rosillo Peak in Big Bend National Park. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department staff has reviewed the project and offer the following comments.

The project entails the installation of prefabricated platforms for the solar powered repeater including solar panels, battery boxes, and radio equipment cabinets. The antenna would be approximately 20 feet tall. The proposed project would occur within a 165-square foot site with a 250-square foot area west of the repeater used as a helicopter landing site during construction and maintenance of the facility.

Because the proposed antenna is less than 199 feet in height it would not require Federal Aviation Administration mandated pilot warning and obstruction avoidance lighting. Therefore, TPWD recommends eliminating the use of lights on the antenna structure

Due to the minimal impacts to the project site, adverse impacts to fish and wildlife resources should be minimal. I appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on this project. Please contact me at (512) 389-4579 if we may be of further assistance. I apologize for the lateness of our reply.

Sincerely,

Danny Allen
Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program
Wildlife Division

DLA:dg.10134

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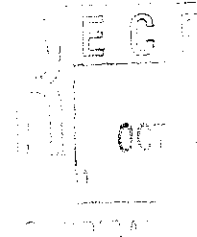
Austin, Texas 78758

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OCT 21 2003



Erin Siegel
Corrigan Consulting, Inc.
1200 Aerospace Avenue, Suite 450
Houston, Texas 77034

Consultation # 2-15-04-1-0030

Dear Ms. Siegel:

We are responding to your September 30, 2003, letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) requesting information about threatened and endangered species that may be impacted by the construction of a solar-powered radio repeater station on North Rosillo Peak in Big Bend National Park, Brewster County, Texas. Two prefabricated platforms with associated equipment and a helicopter landing pad are also proposed to be installed. We are providing this information to assist you and the National Park Service (NPS) in preparing an environmental assessment (EA) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Federally listed species

The proposed project site is not located within designated critical habitat of any federally listed threatened or endangered species. For your reference, a list of species that may occur in Brewster County is enclosed.

Generally, the Service believes that the first step in determining impacts on endangered species is presence/absence surveys conducted within the project area by persons with appropriate biological expertise. Often, absence of endangered species is determined and the project can then proceed without additional responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). If assessments indicate that suitable habitat is likely to be affected either directly or indirectly, we recommend that you consult with us further. If any endangered species or their habitats are present, the project can often be modified to avoid all impacts. If appropriate project modifications are not feasible, any compensation needed can be fairly and accurately evaluated. Please send any completed surveys or habitat assessments to our office for concurrence that no impacts will occur or for assistance in evaluating potential impacts.

If impacts cannot be avoided, we recommend that NPS pursue formal consultation, on behalf of Corrigan Consulting, Inc., through section 7 of the Act. Section 7 of the Act requires that all federal agencies consult with the Service to ensure that the actions authorized, funded, or carried out by such agencies do not jeopardize the continued existence of any threatened or endangered



species or adversely modify or destroy critical habitat of such species. It is the primary responsibility of NPS, as the federal action agency, to determine whether any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out may affect a federally listed or proposed species.

Candidate Species

We also recommend that you review the potential for your project to affect candidates. Candidate species are those that are being considered for possible addition to the threatened and endangered species list. There is sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support issuance of a proposal to list, but higher priority listings currently preclude issuance of a proposed rule for those species. Candidate Species currently have no legal protection. If you find your project may potentially impact these species, the Service would like to provide technical assistance to help avoid or minimize adverse effects. Addressing these species at this stage could better provide for overall ecosystem health in the local area and may avert potential future listing.

State-listed species

The State of Texas also protects certain species of plants and animals. Contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Endangered Resources Branch), Fountain Park Plaza Building, Suite 100, 3000 South IH-35, Austin, Texas 78704 (512-912-7011) for information concerning fish, wildlife, and plants of State concern.

Thank you for your concern for endangered and threatened species and other natural resources. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed project. If we can be of further assistance or if you have any questions about these comments, please contact Jana Milliken at 512-490-0057, extension 243.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Pine
Supervisor

Enclosure

Federally Listed as Threatened and Endangered Species of Brewster County

DISCLAIMER

This list is based on information available to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on September 12, 2003. This list is subject to change, without notice, as new biological information is gathered and should not be used as the sole source for identifying species that may be impacted by a project.

Migratory Species Common to many or all Counties: Species listed specifically in a county have confirmed sightings. If a species is not listed they may occur as migrants in those counties.

Least tern	(E ~)	<i>Sterna antillarum</i>
Whooping crane	(E w/CH)	<i>Grus americana</i>
Bald eagle	(T)	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Piping plover	(T w/CH)	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>

Brewster County

Black-capped vireo	(E)	<i>Vireo atricapillus</i>
Northern aplomado falcon	(E)	<i>Falco femoralis septentrionalis</i>
Southwestern willow flycatcher	(E‡)	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>
Whooping crane	(E w/CH)	<i>Grus americana</i>
Mexican long-nosed bat	(E)	<i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i>
Big Bend gambusia	(E)	<i>Gambusia gaigei</i>
Davis' green pitaya	(E)	<i>Echinocereus viridiflorus</i> var. <i>davisii</i> (=E. <i>davisii</i>)
Nellie cory cactus	(E)	<i>Coryphantha</i> (=Escobaria =Mammillaria) <i>minima</i>
Terlingua Creek cats-eye	(E)	<i>Cryptantha crassipes</i>
Bunched cory cactus	(T)	<i>Coryphantha ramillosa</i>
Chisos Mountain hedgehog cactus	(T)	<i>Echinocereus chisoensis</i> (=reichenbachii) var. <i>chisoensis</i>
Hinckley oak	(T)	<i>Quercus hinckleyi</i>
Lloyd's Mariposa cactus	(T)	<i>Sclerocactus</i> (=Echinomastus = Echinocactus) <i>mariposensis</i>
Black-tailed prairie dog	(C)	<i>Cynomys ludovicianus</i>
Texas hornshell (clam)	(C)	<i>Popenaias popei</i>
Guadalupe fescue	(C)	<i>Festuca ligulata</i>
Yellow-billed cuckoo	(C)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>

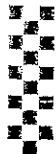
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Statewide or areawide migrants are not included by county, except where they breed or occur in concentrations. The whooping crane is an exception; an attempt is made to include all confirmed sightings on this list.

E	=	Species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.
T	=	Species which is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.
C	=	Species for which the Service has on file enough substantial information to warrant listing as threatened or endangered. These species currently have no legal protection.

However, addressing these species at this stage could better provide for overall ecosystem health in the local area and may avert potential future listing.

- CH = Critical Habitat (in Texas unless annotated ‡)
- ‡ = CH designated (or proposed) outside Texas
- ~ = protection restricted to populations found in the “interior” of the United States. In Texas, the least tern receives full protection, except within 50 miles (80 km) of the Gulf Coast.



February 13, 2004

Greetings,

The Comanche Nation is in receipt of your request for consultation in compliance with the revised 36 CFR 800 Guidelines issued by the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation and the National Environmental Policy Act.

We are unable to confirm the determination of "*no effect*" on our Traditional Ancestral lands. However, in the scope of work, if archaeological materials are exposed, such as bone, organic/inorganic materials, glass, metal, pottery, chipped stone tools, or historic crockery, we respectfully request that all activities are halted and the Comanche Nation notified immediately.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (580) 492-3754.

Sincerely,

Donnita F Sovo,
Administrative Assistant
Comanche Nation Environmental Program



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Big Bend National Park

Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River

P.O. Box 129

Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834-0129

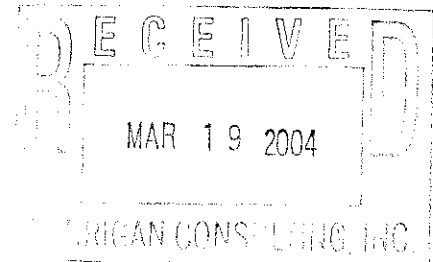
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March 16, 2004

Division of Archeology
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Austin, TX 78711

Attention: Debra Beene

Dear Ms. Beene:



Enclosed is an *Archeological Mitigation Scope of Work for Proposed Installation of a Radio Repeater Site on Rosillo Peak, Big Bend National Park, Texas* that the National Park Service (NPS), Big Bend National Park is submitting for your review. This proposed project is also being evaluated for compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act in the *Environmental Assessment for a Solar-Powered Radio Repeater on North Rosillo Peak, Big Bend National Park, Big Bend, Texas*, under preparation through contract with Corrigan Consulting, Inc. of Houston, Texas. The environmental assessment should be released for public review within a month. This archeological mitigation scope of work details the National Historical Preservation Act, Section 106 compliance requirement for the above project. This action is consistent with Cultural Resource Management Guidelines, NPS-28 and Secretary of Interior Standards.

The archeological site potentially affected by the proposed project is site 41BS762, a Texas State Archeological Landmark. Discussion with Texas Historical Commission (SHPO) staff reached verbal agreement that the site is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion D, potential to yield scientifically significant information. The NPS seeks from the Texas SHPO an official Determination of Eligibility for this site and concurrence with the NPS that provided the archeological mitigation work precedes construction of the facility, is considered to be of NO ADVERSE EFFECT.

The NPS is submitting this document for review by American Indian Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPO) and the NPS seeks a determination of tribal affiliation with the site as a traditional property, as a sacred site, or as an ethnographic resource.

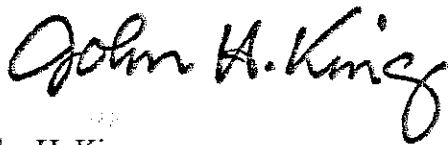
Confidentiality of Archeological and Ethnographic Resource Information

The enclosed document contains specific information regarding the location and nature of a significant archeological resource in Big Bend National Park. The document also alludes to the potential for a significant ethnographic resource. Release of such information to the public may draw undesirable

attention to these important resources. The Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) and its implementing regulations provide that federal land managers shall not make available to the public information concerning the characteristics and location of archeological resources unless the manager finds that disclosure will further the purposes of ARPA and related legislation and will not risk harm to the resources or their sites (43 CFR 7.18(a)(1). Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act also addresses needs to withhold information about the location, character or ownership of historic resources in specified cases. I certify that *Archeological Mitigation Scope of Work for Proposed Installation of a Radio Repeater Site on Rosillo Peak, Big Bend National Park, Texas* has been reviewed against the criteria contained in 43 CFR 7.18(a)(1) and upon the recommendation of Archeologist Thomas C. Alex has been classified as Not Available to the public.

The NPS will enter into Memoranda of Understanding with affected the SHPO/THPO as required upon completion of this current level of consultation. If you have any further questions regarding this project, please telephone Archeologist Thomas C. Alex at (432) 477-1144.

Sincerely,

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John H. King
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Erin Seigel, Corrigan Consulting, Inc.



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Big Bend National Park
Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River
P.O. Box 129
Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834-0129

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March 16, 2004

Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
Apache Cultural Committee
Alonzo Chalepah, Chairman
P.O. Box 1220
Anadarko, OK 73005

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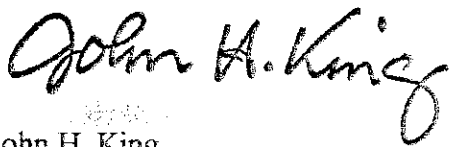
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John H. King
Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Erin Seigel, Corrigan Consulting, Inc.

May 06 04 09:28a

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**MESCALERO APACHE TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE****P.O. Box 227****Mescalero, New Mexico 88340****Phone: 505/464-4711****Fax: 505/464-4637**

May 5, 2004

John H. King
Superintendent
Big Bend National Park
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Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834-0129

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for providing the Mescalero Apache Tribe the opportunity to comment on an *Archeological Mitigation Scope of Work for Proposed Installation of a Radio Repeater Site on Rosillo Peak, Big Bend National Park*. The Mescalero Apache Tribe would like to see that another location be found for this repeater site. Rosillo Peak lies within the Lipan Apache traditional homelands; the Lipan Apache are one of three Apache groups that make up the Mescalero Apache Tribe. Mountains are sacred to the Apache People; they are considered places of refuge, homes of gods and visions, and centers of power. We know it is impossible and futile to prevent development on every mountain top, however, based on some tribal members concerns and the location of archeological site 41BS762 at this site, we feel that Rosillo Peak should be protected. As stated in your agency's Scope of Work report, "Sites at the top of Rosillo Peak are of particular interest because of their inaccessibility and great distance from known water sources. It is further stated "What, then, was the attraction to aboriginal groups? ...perhaps the peak provided the setting for ritualistic endeavors that are lost to time." These statements lend to our beliefs that this Peak is of importance. It is further stated in the report that the archeological record does not show "...any activities other than typical campsite routines." However, the surface archeological record rarely shows evidence of sacred locations. We are thus requesting that Big Bend National Park puts forth effort to protect Rosillo Peak from development. A repeater site would desecrate the sanctity of the spiritual nature of Rosillo Peak.

If you must continue with the placement of the radio repeater at this location, we would then like to see a copy of the excavation report that will be completed as part of the mitigation to site 41BS762.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or if our concerns cannot be met.

Sincerely,

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Holly B.E. Houghten
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer



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Blackfeet Tribe
Blackfeet Cultural Program
Curly Bear Wagner, Cultural Coordinator
P.O. Box D
Browning, MT 59417

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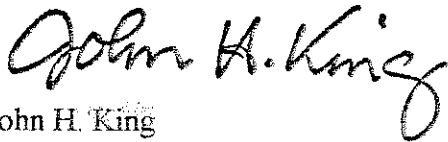
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Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma
Tribal Cultural Resource Management
Jimmy Arterberry, Environmental Direct
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

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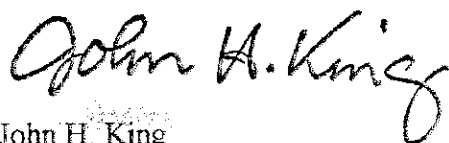
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Erin Siegel

From: Thomas_C_Alex@nps.gov
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2004 11:30 AM
To: OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS
Cc: John_H_King@nps.gov; Vidal_Davila@nps.gov; dbeene@thc.state.tx.us; Mark_Spier@nps.gov; Philip_Cuevas@nps.gov; erins@corrigan-consulting.com
Subject: Re: Tribal consultation for the Big Bend NP Repeater Site

Mr. Arterberry,

Thank you for your swift reply. I will forward the Comanche Nation tribal concerns to the appropriate staff and your concerns will be included in the Assessment of Effects for the proposed project.

Tom

Thomas C. Alex
Archeologist
Big Bend National Park
432-477-1144
thomas_c_alex@nps.gov

-----"OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS" <cnoep@tds.net> wrote: -----

To: <Thomas_C_Alex@nps.gov>
From: "OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS" <cnoep@tds.net>
Date: 05/03/2004 11:27AM
Subject: Re: Tribal consultation for the Big Bend NP Repeater Site

Good morning Tom.....all your points listed are *exactly* what we are requesting.....thank you, jimmy

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Sent: Monday, May 03, 2004 11:12 AM
Subject: Re: Tribal consultation for the Big Bend NP Repeater Site

Mr Arterberry,

Just for clarification of the points in your response, you are requesting non-destructive, non-invasive methods be used in the archeological work to be performed on the site on Rosillo Peak.

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2. You are requesting that a map be completed showing locations of all the archeological features and artifacts, possible sacred objects, etc. and the locations of all areas of disturbance from the proposed radio repeater facility.
3. You are requesting that all artifacts, possible offerings or sacred objects be left in-situ on the site until the map has been completed.

4. And you are requesting the opportunity to review this documentation prior to making a decision regarding any alteration to the physical integrity of the site.
Please confirm if the above points include all of the tribal concerns of the Comanche Nation.

Thank you.

Tom

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Date: 04/19/2004 12:11PM
Subject: Big Bend NP Repeater Site

Good morning Thomas.....as per our phone conversation on Friday, I am requesting the use of a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) used at the site very able and additionally the materials identified at the site to be left in-situ, rather than collected and curated.....No graves identified should be removed and I would also like a ariel map of the proposed actual land disturbing area with any materials identified and in-situ prior to any undertaking that would disturb the physical integrity of the site.

Thank you,
Jimmy Arterberry
THPO/NAGPRA/OEP Director
Comanche Nation
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Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas
Tribal Cultural Resource Management
Juan Garza, Jr., Chairman
HC 1 Box 9700
Eagle Pass, TX 78852

Dear Mr. Garza:

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Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Kiowa Business Committee
Sherman Chaddlesone, Chairman
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Carnegie, OK 73015

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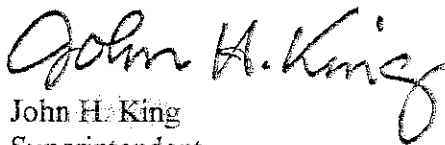
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Mescalero Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO)
Holly Houghton, Interim THPO
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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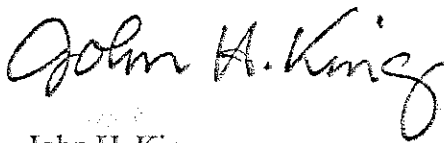
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Tribal Cultural Resource Management
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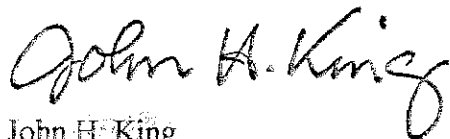
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